

PURPOSE OF FASTING

Have you ever wondered why there is no significant change in your life after you have been praying and fasting? Isaiah 58 tells us the true purpose of fasting in verse 6. What God is actually saying is that we are to *break every yoke of deception so we can rise in newness of life now!*

The Scripture clearly states that we are to break every yoke (i.e., to renew our minds to be and think like God) of bondage. Only **"in"** Jesus can we do this! The scripture speaking in past tense says; Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore **"in"** the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. ***We can do it!***

It is very easy in Christianity to follow the crowd and listen to eloquent speaking Preachers who themselves have never really sought the Lord Jesus with all their heart that they might Know Him. They speak of liberty but speak not in revelation with Spiritual Power to help us have the faith to break yokes of deception! True anointed preaching opens the way for us to Jesus, and we through our fasting and prayer **"hear it"**! Jesus taught them not as the scribes, but with power and demonstration. Mr 1:22 *And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.*

God is no respecter of persons. Paul by revelation received enlightenment and turned from his self serving religion. Eph 3:3 *How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; as I wrote afore in few words. **We too can find the true Jesus!***

The purpose of fasting is to subdue our carnal mind so we can hear the Spirit of the Lord speaking from His word. He will tell us and show us the way when we seek Him with all of our heart. As you know, Jesus said; *"Narrow is the way and few there be that find it"*! It is impossible to have many ways into a kingdom given by ONE! Especially after Jesus said; *"I am the way"*!

The only way we can find the whole truth is by revelations given to us from the Spirit. God can open the scriptures and He can close them. If they are closed we wonder around in religion and if they are opened we are able to sit with Him in Celestial Places.

There is a difference and a hindrance if our pollution is not washed away by the blood of Jesus! Ezekiel 16:3-9 is speaking to us about Abraham and those who would be after him including Spiritual Israel in our time period.

Appolos wrote in Hebrews 10:16-25 of this very same message that God prophesied through Ezekiel. To enter **"into"** the domain of Jesus, the holiest place of all, we must be washed **"in"** His blood. We cannot enter in there with polluted blood which came to us through Adam!

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized **"into"** Christ have put on Christ. And are heirs according to the promise given to Abraham.

Romans 6:3-11 Baptized **"into"** Jesus Christ we believe that we shall also live with and **"in"** him!

Acts 19:3-6 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? They were again baptized **"into"** the Name of the Lord Jesus and (received their position in the celestial, speaking in tongues and prophesied) when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues.

Do some real fasting asking God to open His word to you! In Acts 17:10-12 the people who heard Paul preaching were very noble, for their heart was open (not biased) with readiness of mind to receive all they could from God. So they searched the scriptures (Old Testament, New not written yet) to know if what Paul said was so. Therefore, many believed.

Search the Old Testament for they are written about Jesus Christ and in them there is Salvation! John 5:39 Search the (Old Testament) Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

The Jews as a nation missed the true message of the Messiah in the Old Testament.

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